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Patent Troll Action Won't Deter Nebraska Investigation

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning released the following statement on the recent filing by MPHJ, a client of Texas law firm Farney Daniels, LLP.

“Patent trolls represent a clear threat to Nebraskans. Farney Daniels and its patent troll client have doubled-down in their attempt to escape this office’s investigation, but we will not be intimidated or deterred.”

In July, Bruning's office initiated an investigation into whether patent infringement enforcement efforts by Farney Daniels violate Nebraska’s consumer protection and unfair and deceptive trade practices laws.

Farney Daniels has repeatedly denied it represents patent trolls. Yesterday, however, one of the law firm’s longtime patent troll clients, MPHJ, sought to become a party in the *Activision v. Pinnacle Bank* litigation. Farney Daniels had previously insisted the *Activision* lawsuit was not about patent trolling, but now wants to bring one of the nation’s most notorious patent trolls into the case.

MPHJ previously settled with Minnesota and is in litigation with Vermont regarding patent trolling activities. Bruning’s office is already investigating the company for sending numerous demand letters claiming federal patent violations had been perpetrated by any Nebraska consumer, small business or nonprofit that had ever used a scanner to send files to email.

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